

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 8, lines 1-2 with the following amended paragraph:

-- The portable device ~~mobile station~~ is operable to communicate through cellular radio links with a PLMN (public land mobile network) shown schematically as PLMN A.--

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 11, lines 1-10 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Figure 6 illustrates how the MLP phoneme counter ~~[[6]]~~23 is used in continuous speech recognition to restrict the search space for a phrase of four words. The phoneme counter 23 is set up with a threshold 26 so that the output of the MLP indicates the number of phoneme boundaries with a given confidence level C. For example, for word 1 in Figure 4, the three peaks 27a, 27b, 27c above the threshold 26 indicate that the word being processed has 3 phonemes. It is apparent from the graph of the MLP output that raising the threshold 26 will cause the MLP to indicate fewer phoneme boundaries, while lowering it will cause the MLP to indicate an increased number of phoneme boundaries.--

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 3, lines 18-24 with the following amended paragraph:

-- A variant of the HMM model is known as the Hidden Neural Network model, which is an HMM/neural network hybrid. Reference is directed to [1] S. K. Riis, "Hidden Markov Models and Neural Networks for Speech Recognition", Ph.D. Thesis, Department of Mathematical Modelling, Technical University of Denmark, May 1998 and [2] S. K. Riis and O. Viikki V. Olli "Low Complexity Speaker Independent Command Word Recognition in Car Environments", Proc. Of the ICASSP, Vol. 2, pp. 1743-1746, Istanbul, May 2000, for a detailed explanation of HNNs.--